

# EU CODE OF CONDUCT ON RESPONSIBLE FOOD BUSINESS AND MARKETING PRACTICES

*A common aspirational path  
towards achieving sustainable food systems*

## **- Annual Report – Check list for EU associations -**

When signing the code, one of the commitments of EU associations is to provide “*on an annual basis, a report of their activities in support of this Code, which will be published on an open dedicated website*”.

In order to help EU associations to provide their annual report of activities, this document aims at providing a check list to guide associations.

### **• General information**

Name in full + acronym	AGRUPACIÓN DE EXPORTADORES DE ALMENDRA Y AVELLANA DE ESPAÑA -ALMENDRAVE
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N° in the transparency register*	<b>390663019815-38</b>
Date of signature of the Code	December 3, 2015
Step of the food chain represented (ex: primary production, production, processing, trade, retail, ...)	Production and trade
Who do you represent? (e.g. number of members, companies, SMEs)	12 Companies

\* if available

From SAB-ALMENDRAVE, reiterate **our firm commitment to the principles and objectives** of the **Code of Conduct for Responsible Food Business and Market Practices**, recognizing it as a key tool for the sustainable transformation of the food system. In line with this commitment, we develop and promote concrete actions that integrate our core values with the strategic axes of the Code, developing the following actions:

### 1. Active promotion of the Code

ALMENDRAVE has actively promoted the Code among its members through various dissemination and communication actions. This has included internal meetings, sectoral working groups, dissemination of informative materials through newsletters, institutional mailings and our website, as well as specific presentations at events and seminars. These activities have made our members aware of the objectives of the Code and have been essential in encouraging their voluntary adherence.

### 2. Alineación con objetivos de sostenibilidad

Sab-Almendrave members (<https://almendrave.com/la-asociacion/asociados>) have incorporated the principles of the Code into their strategic plans and sustainability programmes, aligning their agricultural and commercial practices with the aspirational objectives set. Concrete examples of this alignment include:

1. The implementation of **sustainable agriculture** in all production phases, with efficient use of resources, protection of soil and biodiversity.
2. Certifications such as the **Environmental Product Declaration (EPD)** and the verification of carbon footprint by AENOR.
3. The application of **precision agriculture technologies**, which optimize inputs and reduce environmental impact.
4. Biodiversity promotion programmes, such as reforestation and the creation of natural habitats.

These efforts not only demonstrate the incorporation of ethical and sustainable criteria in our operations, but also a clear intention to generate a long-term positive impact on both the environment and society.

### 3. Development of sectoral tools

Likewise, the Association is exploring the development of sectoral tools that facilitate the implementation of the Code among our members. This includes the identification of good practices, the allocation of technical and human resources, and the integration of the Code into sectoral strategic plans.

Among these tools we can highlight:

1. The compilation of **success stories in sustainability**.

2. Agronomic innovation **projects** to reduce the carbon footprint.
3. Preparation of technical guides on **eco-design and recyclability** in packaging.

#### 4. Multi-stakeholder collaboration and dialogue

We foster alliances and collaborations with other actors in the food chain, as well as with policymakers at national and international level. Through these links, we seek to share knowledge, face common challenges and enhance synergies that strengthen a fair and sustainable food system.

For this reason, SAB-Almendrave participates in studies, working groups, collaborative projects and actions with a territorial focus that promote development in rural areas.

In addition, strategic relationships have been established with entities that share our values, jointly promoting responsible agricultural practices, highlighting the Spanish production of organic almonds, of which Spain already leads the world production, with 30% of the cultivated area certified in 2024.

#### 5. A comprehensive sustainability model

SAB-Almendrave and its associates currently represent an exemplary model of sustainability in the agri-food sector, based on a comprehensive vision that includes:

1. Caring **for the environment** through good farm practices and emission reduction.
2. Support **for the rural world**, generating employment, territorial roots and opportunities for young people.
3. Business **ethics**, ensuring transparency and accountability throughout the supply chain.
4. The promotion of **healthy habits**, encouraging the consumption of almonds as part of the Mediterranean diet.
5. The commitment to **renewable energy** and the transition to a circular economy.
6. The implementation of equality , **diversity and well-being policies at work**, taking care of human capital.

#### CONCLUSION

Our commitment to the Code of Conduct is not merely formal, but manifests itself in concrete and measurable actions that integrate sustainability, innovation and social responsibility. We are committed to a responsible, traceable, healthy and sustainable almond and hazelnut, aligned with the highest European standards and with the values that inspire a fairer and more resilient agriculture.